



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Planning

At its meeting held July 12, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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At the time and place regularly set, notice having been duly given, the following item was called up:

Hearing on extension of Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 2005-0042U which temporarily prohibits the establishment of medical marijuana dispensaries within the unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles while a study is conducted to determine the appropriate zones and development standards for marijuana dispensaries, as well as any other use regulations that should apply to such establishments (All Districts).

All persons wishing to testify were sworn in by the Executive Officer of the Board. Ron Hoffman, representing the Department of Regional Planning testified. Opportunity was given for interested persons to address the Board. Joshua Fisher, Michael Pereira, Richard W. Eastman, member of the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV Health Services, Don Duncan, representing the California Medical Caregivers Association, and William Britt, representing the Association of Patient Advocates, addressed the Board. No correspondence was presented.

Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“Presently, County ordinances do not regulate medical marijuana dispensaries in unincorporated Los Angeles County. Because of this, the County has no means of controlling the locations or under what conditions medical marijuana dispensaries can operate.

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“My May 31, 2005 motion has initiated the development of regulations for these dispensaries. Today, the Board is considering an extension of the interim ordinance which placed a temporary prohibition for new medical marijuana dispensaries within unincorporated territory.

“We have a fundamental obligation to protect the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

“Because it will take some time to finish developing zoning regulations, I think it would be appropriate to include medical marijuana dispensaries as a business that would require a business license. This will allow the County to know the locations of these businesses and to regulate them appropriately.”

Therefore, motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Molina, duly carried by the following vote: Ayes: Supervisors Burke, Yaroslavsky, Knabe, Antonovich, and Molina; Noes: None, the Board closed the hearing and took the following actions:

1. Approved the extension of Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 2005-0042U for a period of 10 months and 15 days, to temporarily prohibit establishment of medical marijuana dispensaries in the unincorporated County area to allow the Board additional time for the consideration and adoption of appropriate regulations for medical marijuana dispensaries in order to control potential negative impacts of such facilities;
2. Adopted the attached Ordinance No. 2005-0059U entitled, “An ordinance extending Interim Ordinance No. 2005-0042U, temporarily prohibiting establishment of medical marijuana dispensaries within the unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles, declaring the urgency thereof, and that this ordinance shall take effect on July 15, 2005;” and

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3. Instructed County Counsel to work with other appropriate County departments to prepare an ordinance to amend Title 7 - Business Licenses, of the Los Angeles County Code, to add medical marijuana dispensaries to the list of business activities that require the issuance of a valid County business license to operate.

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Attachments

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